

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

April 2011 – Week 1

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TITLE: THE HEART OF TEXAS

APRIL 1969 AND A STOLEN HEART MAKES HISTORY.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

APRIL 4, 1969. HOUSTON. FOR OVER A DECADE, HOUSTON DOCTORS DENTON COOLEY AND MICHAEL DEBAKEY HAVE BEEN COMPETING TO DEVELOP THE FIRST ARTIFICIAL HEART.

YET WHEN COOLEY SUCCESSFULLY IMPLANTS AN ARTIFICIAL HEART INTO 47-YEAR OLD HASKELL KARP, HE'S MET WITH A STORM OF CONTROVERSY.

DEBAKEY ACCUSES COOLEY AND A FORMER COLLEAGUE OF ACTING WITHOUT PERMISSION AND EVEN STEALING THE HEART FROM HIS LAB. COOLEY IS INVESTIGATED AND CENSURED.

TODAY THE HEART RACE CONTINUES. BOTH DEBAKEY AND COOLEY CONTINUE THEIR RESEARCH IN HOUSTON.

DR. DENTON COOLEY IMPLANTED THE FIRST ARTIFICIAL HEART 42 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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Deborah Cummins, "HEART TRANSPLANTS," *Handbook of Texas Online*
(<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/sdh01>), accessed March 21, 2011.

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